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SUBJECT: LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN DISPUTE

1. APRIL 29 ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILIES AKHBAR AND AHRAM REPORT ON FRONT PAGES THAT THREE LIBYANS ARRESTED IN ALEXANDRIA AFTER HAVING BOUGHT ONE BERETTA AND WHILE ARRANGING TO PURCHASE A SECOND.

2. ONLY COMMENTARY IN APRIL 29 PRESS ON DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORT THAT QADHAAFI IS BUILDING "BAR-LEV LINE" ON LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN BORDER COMES FROM AHRAM CARTOONIST SALAH JAHAN. BELOW DRAWING OF QADHAAFI BUSILY CONSTRUCTING WALL AND EGYPTIAN STANDING ON OTHER SIDE OF WALL WITH HAND OUTSTRETCHED IN FRIENDSHIP, JAHAN WRITES "THIS WILL SURELY BE THE MOST INVINCIBLE BARRIER EVER BUILT, FOR NO EGYPTIAN TANK WILL EVER GO NEAR IT".

3. SUDANESE UNION, FOLLOWING TALKS APRIL 28 WITH ASU, HAS SENT MESSAGE EXPRESSING "UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT" FOR PRESIDENT  
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SADAT'S POLICIES REGARDING OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND PALESTINIAN

RIGHTS, ACCORDING TO APRIL 29 CAIRO PRESS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE ACERBIC PRESS COMMENTARY ON QADHAAFI SEEMS TO HAVE ABATED FOR TIME BEING, REPORT OF LIBYANS BUYING WEAPONS IN ALEXANDRIA REMINDS EGYPTIANS OF INTERNAL SUBVERSION GOE FEARS QADHAAFI IS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING. EXPRESSION OF "UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT" FOR SADAT FROM SUANESE, WHO OFTEN ACT AS MEDIATORS BETWEEN EGYPTIANS AND LIBYANS, IS CARRIED AS REASSURING BIT OF NEW FOR EGYPTIANS WHO ARE ENTERTAINED NIGHTLY BE CLEVERLY WRITTEN, IF VICIOUS, ATTACKS ON SADAT BROADCAST BY LIBYAN RADIO. EGYPTIAN PRESS CIRCLES ARE REPORTEDLY BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THAT FORMER LEFTIST WRITER FOR WEEKLY ROSE AL-YUSUF, WHO IS WIDELY KNOWN FOR CAUSTIC WIT, HAS "DEFECTED" AND IS WRITING ANTI-SADAT PIECES FOR LIBY'A "VOICE OF THE ARAB HOMELAND".  
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